THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Rule 25 (2) (v) (a) and (b) of the Contract Labour (R&A) Central Rules, 1971 notified by the Government of India under the provisions of the Contract Labour (R&A) Act, 1970 stipulate the wage rates and other conditions of service of workers employed on contract basis, provided that in the case of any disagreement with regard to the type of work, the same shall be decided by the Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner (Central). Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has reported that the Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), Mumbai has examined the claims under the provision of Rule 25(2)(v)(a) & (b) of the Contract Labour (R&A) Central Rules, 1971 and rejected the same and that there is no violation of the said provisions by ONGC. However, the matter is presently *sub-judice* as the orders of the Dy. Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), Mumbai has been challenged by the Gujarat Petroleum Employees' Union in the High Court of Gujarat.

Duties and taxes on petrol

779. SHRI N. K. SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the composition of duties and taxes in the price per litre of petrol in four metropolitan cities;

(b) whether there is any proposal to rationalize or reduce the duties and taxes; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The share of taxes and duties on the Retail Selling Price of Petrol in four metropolitan cities is given, in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Ministry of Finance has informed that at present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to rationalize or reduce the duties and taxes.

Statement

The share of taxes and duties on the Retail Selling Price of Petrol in four metropolitan cities

Sl.No.		Delhi	Mumbai	Chennai	Kolkata
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Price without Customs Duty, Excise Duty and Sales Tax components	19.76	19.56	19.39	19.96
2.	Custom Duty (Based on 2nd Fortnight of February, 2009)	0.34 (1%)	0.34 (1%)	0.34 (1%)	0.34 (1%)
3.	Excise Duty (levied @ Rs.13.35/litre plus 3% education cess)	13.75 (34%)	13.75 (31%)	13.75 (31%)	13.75 (31%)

1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	Sales Tax	6.77 (16%)	10.90 (24%)	10.76 (24%)	10.00 (23%)
5.	Total of Customs Duty, Excise Duty and Sales Tax components (2+3+4)	20.86 (51%)	24.99 (56%)	24.85 (56%)	24.09 (55%)
6.	Retail Selling Price (1+5)	40.62	44.55	44.24	44.05

* Figures in bracket give the components of Customs Duty, Excise Duty and Sales Tax as a % of S.No.6

New petrol pumps and gas agencies

780. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the Details of petrol pumps and gas agencies opened in various parts of the country during the last two years;

(b) the details of those proposed for the current year;

(c) the areas where there is demand for more petrol pumps and gas agencies; and

(d) what are the plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) A total of 4549 retail outlets (petrol pumps) and 189 LPG distributorships (gas agencies) have been opened by public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), *viz.*, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) in various part of the country during the last two years (2006-07 & 2007-08). OMCs have proposed to open a total of 1680 retail outlets and 737 LPG distributorships during the current year (2008-09). The details are available with Director (Marketing) of OMCs.

(c) and (d) New retail outlets/ LPG distributorships are set up by OMCs at identified locations based on surveys and feasibility studies. Locations found to be having sufficient potential and which are economically viable are rostered in the State-wise Marketing Plans for setting up retail outlets/ LPG distributorships.

Setting up of retail outlet dealership/ LPG distributorship involves various steps like issue of advertisements, scrutiny of applications, scrutiny of sites offered by candidates, interviews /selection of dealers, field verification of credentials of selected candidates, issue of Letter of Intent (LOI) procurement of land, obtaining various Statutory approvals, construction work, etc. Hence, the commissioning of retail outlet/LPG distributor after advertisement is fulfilled over a period of time.